

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1, 4, 10, 11, 14, and 20 have been amended.

5 **Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-20 are pending.**

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,696,894 issued to Ono (hereinafter, “*Ono*”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,690 issued to Gutman (hereinafter, “*Gutman*”).

10 The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Ono discloses a printing system in which a computer is connected through a wireless link to one or more printers. The computer selects a printer to handle a print job, for example, based on printer status, desired print speed, etc. The
15 computer then sends print job data to the selected printer over the wireless link. As admitted in the Office Action, *Ono* does not disclose or otherwise suggest using a wireless communication device to selectively transmit printing device control information to a printing device over a wireless communication interface.

20 *Gutman* discloses a system in which infrared messages transmitted between two devices include information that is used to establish the infrared communication link. The Office Action alleges that *Gutman* therefore teaches the claimed wireless communication device missing from *Ono*.

The Applicant has amended independent **Claims 1, 10, 11, and 20** to
25 further clarify that which is being claimed. As amended, these independent claims and related dependent claims specify that the printing device control information that is maintained in a wireless communication device includes

network configuration information that is associated with a printing device and a network that is operatively coupled to the printing device, and that the (wireless) communication interface that is used to pass the printing device control information from the wireless communication device to the printing device is not part of the network.

To the contrary, the messages taught by *Gutman* are only used to establish and configure the wireless link. This type of protocol and handshaking process is well known. The pending claims are distinctly different in that the wireless communication device establishes a wireless link to the printing device and then passes network configuration information about a (separate/different) network to the printing device via the wireless link.

Since neither *Ono* nor *Gutman* discuss how their printers are initially configured with this type of network configuration information to properly work within a networked environment, one can only assume that they intended to configure their printers for use in a network using standard and conventional techniques available at the time, such as, for example, having an administrator manually program the printer through its front panel interface prior to having the printer connect to the network.

Consequently, neither *Ono* and/or *Gutman* disclose or even reasonably suggest that which is claimed in **Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14-20**.

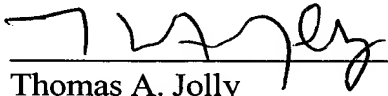
Conclusion

The pending claims are each clearly patentable over the cited art and as such are in condition for prompt allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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